# SPECIAL EDUCATION EXITING DATA INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

## For School Year 2001-2002



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# **EXITING DATA INSTRUCTIONS SCHOOL YEAR 2001-2002**

**DUE DATE: July 5, 2002** 

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR

- Exiting data is being collected on <u>ALL</u> students who exit the special education program in a school district, <u>regardless of age</u>. (In the past, exiting data was collected on students who were 14 years or older on the child count date.)
- Reporting entities can now submit their exiting data online over the Internet. (If you wish to submit data online and have not registered, please call Pat Reichert at 406-444-4430.
- Exiting data reporting forms (both paper and electronic) will have preprinted student data from the December 3, 2001, child count. For a student who has exited the program and is on the preprinted list, all that is required is to place an exiting code in the exiting code column (see exiting codes, below). Students who have entered the program since the December 3, 2001, child count date and are not on the preprinted list will need to be added to the list. If a school does not have exiting data to report, the box on the preprinted form indicating no students should be checked and the form returned to the OPI or submitted electronically.

#### **EXITING DATA CODES**

The U.S. Department of Education requires that states submit data on students who have exited the special education program within the state. This data collection will include students who have exited the program during the school year 2001-2002 (from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002).

The definitions and coding numbers that are used to report exiting data are from the U.S. Department of Education. Below is a list of the codes to be used and their definitions:

#### **Exiting Codes:**

- **Returned to regular education.** These are students who were served in special education during the previous reporting year (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002), but at some point during that 12-month period returned to regular education as a result of having met the objectives of their IEP and are receiving all their educational services from a general education program.
- Moved, known to be continuing. These are students who have moved out of the catchment area and are KNOWN to be continuing in another educational program. There does not need to be evidence that the student is continuing in special education, only that he/she is continuing in general education. <a href="CATCHMENT AREA">CATCHMENT AREA</a> is defined as the K-12 school district, or the elementary district and the high school district that the student would move through in the normal progression of his/her education.

**Examples**: Student has moved out of the catchment area and another school within or outside the state has requested records. Student no longer attends public school, but the school is aware that the student is being educated in a registered home school, or in a private school.

Moved, not known to be continuing. These students have moved out of the catchment area (see definition in exit code 02 above) and are NOT KNOWN to be continuing in another educational program. The use of this category requires that the school verify that the family is no longer at their last known residence.

**Example**: Student and family have physically moved out of the catchment area and the school has not received a request for records and does not know where the student is.

**Dropped out.** These students were enrolled at some point in the reporting year, were not enrolled at the end of the reporting year, and did not exit through any of the other exiting codes described. This would include dropouts, runaways, GED recipients, and status unknown.

**Examples:** Student no longer comes to school and the school district cannot locate the student and cannot verify that the student's family has moved. Student from a Hutterite community leaves the program after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and his/her family is not registered as a home school. Student studied for GED during his/her school attendance, but in order to take the GED the student cannot be attending school, so the student leaves.

- Reached maximum age. These students have exited special education because they have reached the maximum age for receipt of special education services without receiving a diploma or certificate of completion. If a school district serves students after age 19, maximum age is determined by school district policy that applies to all students.
- **Died.** These students have died during the school year.
- **Graduated with a diploma.** These students have exited the educational program through receipt of a high school diploma identical to that for which students without disabilities are eligible.
- **Graduated with a certificate.** These students have exited the educational program and received a certificate of completion, modified diploma or similar document or mechanism that shows completion of IEP goals.

#### WHO MUST REPORT EXITING DATA

Every school within every school district in the state must return an exiting report form – either by mail or electronically. Also included in this data collection are state-funded schools and residential treatment facilities that contract with the OPI to provide special education and related services to their students.

#### **DUE DATE**

The completed report forms must be returned to the OPI either by mail or electronically by July 5, 2002.

# STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT LISTED ON THE PREPRINTED FORMS (and have exited the program)

For students who have exited the program and are not listed on the preprinted form, it can be assumed that they entered the program after the December 3, 2001, child count. These students must be added to the exiting list and the following data are required, in addition to an exiting code:

- Initials
- Date of Birth
- Gender Male/Female
- Duplicate Override Check this box when there is more than one student being reported under the same school code with the same initials, birth date and gender. Twins or triplets of the same gender may fit this criterion.
- Grade
- Race/Ethnicity Code:

01	American Indian or Alaskan Native	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community recognition.
02	Asian	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.
03	Hispanic	A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture of origin, regardless of race.
04	Black (not Hispanic)	A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
05	White (not Hispanic)	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East.
06	Native Hawiian or Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

• Disability Code (use all that apply):

CD	Cognitive Delay	ОН	Other Health Impairment
HI	Hearing Impairment	LD	Learning Disability
DE	Deafness	DB	Deaf-Blindness
SL	Speech/Language Impairment	CW	Child With A Disability
VI	Visual Impairment	AU	Autism
ED	Emotional Disturbance	ТВ	Traumatic Brain Injury
OI	Orthopedic Impairment		

• Transition Services Code (use all that apply):

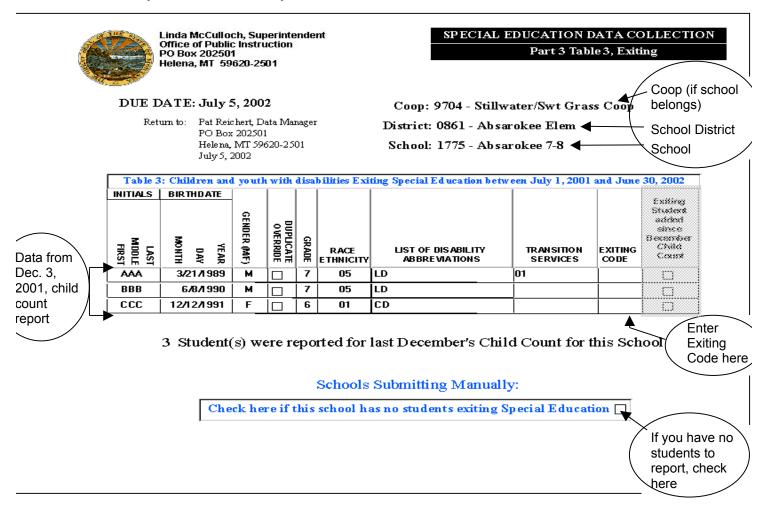
CODE	<u>DEFINITION</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
01	Instruction	Academic/lifelong learning Learning strategies Study skills
02	Employment	Workplace readiness Occupation-specified skills Compensatory skills
03	Community Experience/ Adult Living	Self-determination Daily living/independent living skills Health & physical care Leisure/recreation skills Mobility Money management/budgeting Personal/social
04 00	Related Services No Transition Services Needed	As it relates to transition

#### COMPLETING THE FORM

#### **For Paper Filers:**

If you have any questions regarding this reporting form or data to be entered, contact Pat Reichert at 406-444-4430 or e-mail at preichert@state.mt.us.

This is the form you will receive by mail:



You will enter exiting codes for those students from the December 3, 2001, child count report who have exited the program. <u>Disregard the last column on the report form (Exiting Students added since</u> December Child Count).

If you have students to report who were not on the December 3, 2001, child count report (student entered special education after December 3, 2001, and exited before the end of the school year), enter all child count data on the form titled New Student Exiting Data – example below. Setting of service data are not required for exiting reporting.

#### For the School Year 2001-2002 (July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002) SPECIAL EDUCATION DATA COLLECTION Linda McCulloch, Superintendent Office of Public Instruction Part 3 Table 3, Exiting PO Box 202501 Helena, MT 59620-2501 Fill in Coop (i DUE DATE: July 5, 2002 applicable), District, and Return to: Pat Reichert, Data Manager District: School name PO Box 202501 Helena, MT 59620-2501 School: July 5, 2002 Table 3: Children and youth with disabilities Exiting Special Education between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002 INITIALS | BIRTHDATE E-pillires Student GENDER (MIF added DUPLICATE OVERRIDE since December: GRADE LAST MIDDLE FIRST Child YEAR LIST OF DISABILITY TRANSITION **EXITING** DAY RACE Cosses SERVICES CODE **ABBREVIATIONS** ETHNICITY

Fill in initials, birth date, gender, duplicate override (if applicable), race (see codes. pg 3), disabilities (see codes, pg 3), transition services (if applicable) (see codes, pg 3), and exiting code. **Exiting** codes can be found on page 2. Setting of service data are not required for exiting reporting.

Mail completed forms to:

PAT REICHERT, DATA MANAGER DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION PO BOX 202501 HELENA, MT 59620-2501

<u>For Electronic Filers</u>: (If you filed child count data electronically in December 2001, it is not necessary for you to reinstall the Citrix CIA Client and you can skip to page 10.

#### Hardware and software requirements

Basically any computer capable of running a web browser equal to Internet Explorer 4.0 with service pack 2 or Netscape 4.0 or later and a connection to the Internet can be used for the Annual Data Collection project.

**IBM** 

Microprocessor
Memory

80486 or higher as required for a web browser
8mb of Ram as required for a web browser
Video

VGA or SVGA as required for web browser (1)

Hard disk At least 2.5 mb free disk space available

Mouse As required for web browser

#### Macintosh

Power PC or better

Memory 8mb of Ram as required for a web browser

Operating System 7.5 or greater Video Not applicable

Hard disk At least 2.5 mb free disk space available

Mouse As required for web browser

Note: A screen resolution of 600 x 800 will provide you with the most efficient video resolution. A resolution of 640 x 480 will not provide you with a good working environment. To change your video resolution right click on your desktop, go to Properties and select Settings. Move the slider bar under "Screen Area" until a resolution of 800 x 600 is displayed. Click "OK". You will be prompted to accept the new settings in the "Display Settings" dialog box. The monitor will blank and display the new settings under the "Monitor Settings" dialog box. If you do not click on the "OK" button at this point your settings will be returned to normal after 15 seconds. If the video settings appear normal click "OK" and your monitor resolution will be reset.

Your schools will access the Office of Public Instruction's Special Ed Child Count Collection Data via the Internet and OPI's WEB page at <a href="http://www.opi.state.mt.us">http://www.opi.state.mt.us</a>.

Bring up the OPI home page and click on the tab entitled '<u>Internet Reporting System</u>' that is located at the top of the screen. This link will take you to IRIS, the Internet Reporting and Information Service.

If you experience difficulty in getting to OPI's home page, please try to reach another site like <a href="www.yahoo.com">www.yahoo.com</a> or <a href="www.

If you find that you can reach other sites on the Internet, but cannot reach the OPI site, please call the OPI Help Desk at 406-444-3448.

#### **Logging into IRIS**

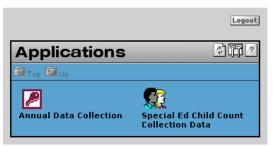
The log in page allows you enter IRIS.



Login using the user name and password provided to you by the Office of Public Instruction. If you cannot find your user name and password call the OPI Help Desk at 406-444-3448.

Welcome to IRIS, OPI's Internet Reporting and Information Service

#### **IRIS Application Portal**



Welcome to your personalized application portal. The Applications box (at left) contains icons for the applications that you can use. Click an icon to launch an application. Click the Refresh button to get the latest applications. Click the Settings button to change the IRIS settings. Click a folder icon to display the folder contents.

Instructions for applications served by IRIS

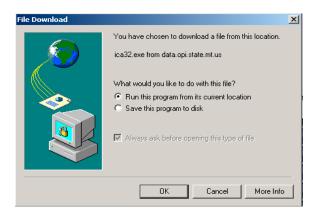
**Download Client software** 

After you log in you will see the Special Ed Child Count Collection Data application in the window. You may see other applications as well.

If this is the first time you have run the application you will need to click on **Download Client Software**. **IF YOU ALREADY HAVE THE CLIENT INSTALLED SKIP TO PAGE 10.** 



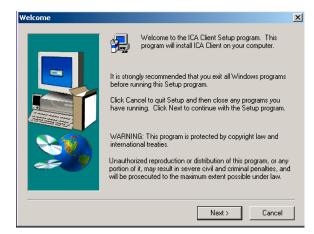
Click on "Install Citrix ICA Client" for your computer platform, Windows or Macintosh.

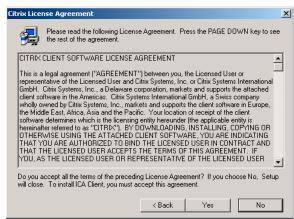


Choose the radio button Run this program from its current location and click OK.









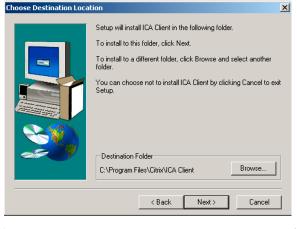
Click Yes.

Click Next.

The machine will be busy for a few minutes and then you will see the following screen.

Click Next.

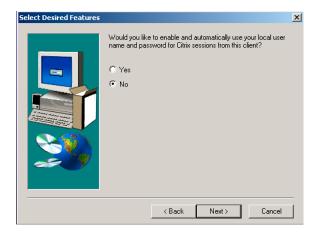
Click **Yes** to accept License Agreement.



Click Next



Click Next.



The ClientName will be different than what is shown. This should be automatically filled in for you.

Make sure No is selected and click **Next**.

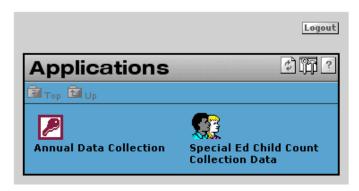
A setup program will run on your machine.



Click OK.

The Citrix Client is installed. **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU HAVE TO RUN THE CLIENT INSTALL.** If you accidentally run this install a second time it should not cause any problems, but it is not necessary.

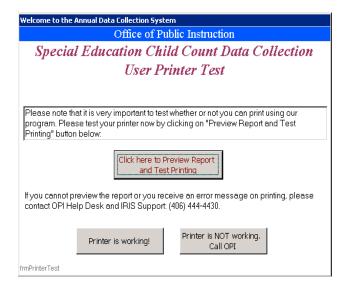
#### After Citrix client is installed



Congratulations! You have successfully connected to the OPI-CITRIX server and are ready to begin your work.

Click on the link "Special Ed Child Count Collection Data."

If this is the next screen you see, you are ready to test your printer and then begin data entry. If you have already done this, skip to page 12.



## Click on Click here to Preview Report and Test Printing.

When the printer test is finished, you will be returned to this screen. Choose the appropriate button to continue (**Printer is working** or **Printer is NOT working**).

If your printer test is successful, you can begin your data entry.

If the printer test is not working, use the instructions in the next section to help you determine which printer driver you have and then contact the OPI at 444-0500

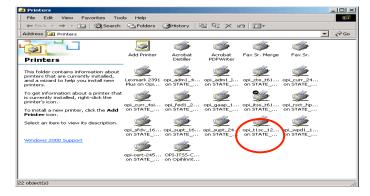
#### **Identifying your Print Driver**

IRIS is designed to work with your locally attached or network printer. If you experience difficulty printing, it may be because the IRIS server does not have your print driver loaded. If you have problems with printing, please call the OPI at 406-444-0500, so we can assist you in identifying your printer and arranging for the correct print driver to be loaded on the Citrix server for your printer.

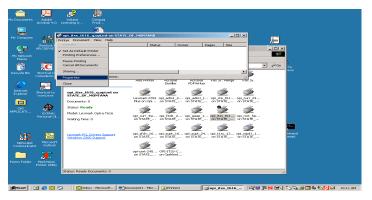
To find out what printer you have set up for IRIS, follow these instructions.



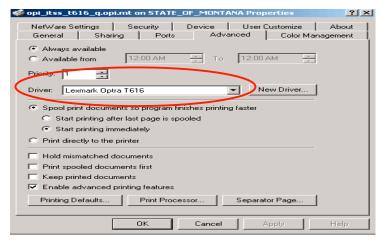
Go to **Start** in the lower left corner of your screen, choose **Settings**, **Printers**.



Double click on the printer with the check mark on it. This is your default printer.



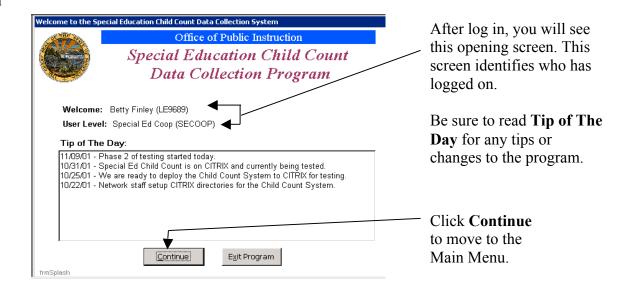
Click Printer menu and select the Properties command.



Click on the Advanced tab, or the Details tab depending on your computer.

Your printer is listed in the Driver box. We may need this information to activate your printer on the IRIS server. Please be ready to give us this name exactly as it appears in the driver box. This includes spaces and capital letters. If you have problems please call OPI at 406-444-0500.

#### **Getting Started**



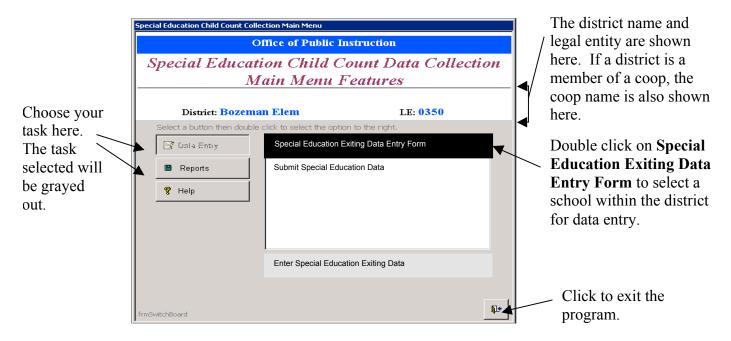
School districts and special education cooperatives will use this program. Your access is limited to the school district or cooperative you log in as. Based on your ID, the program will limit your access to just those areas of concern to you and the data you need to enter. Your user level is described on this screen.

If you entered child count data through this program in December and you feel comfortable with this part of the program, you may want to skip to the data entry screen on page 15.

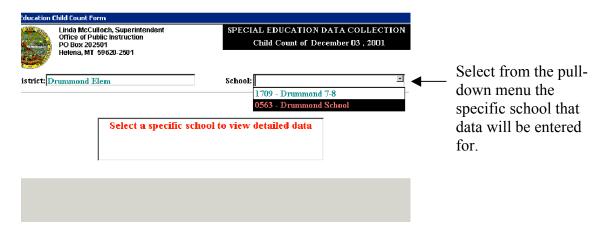
#### **Special Education Exiting Data Main Menu**

When you log in, the program will identify you as a school district or special education cooperative based on your log in ID and password. Because the structure within the program is different for a school district and a cooperative, this section of the instructions has been broken out into screens that school districts will see and screens that special education cooperatives will see. The screen used for data entry is the same for both entities.

#### For a school district - selecting a school



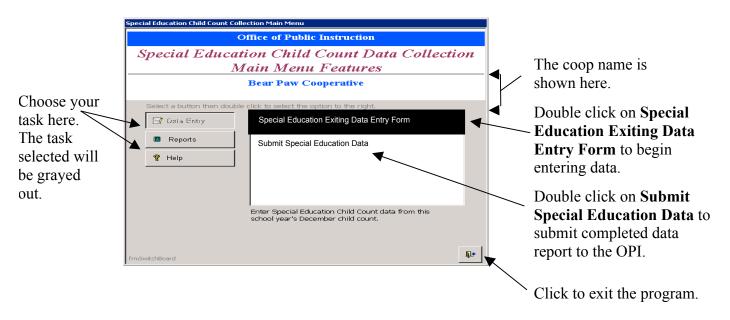
#### Selecting a school within the school district



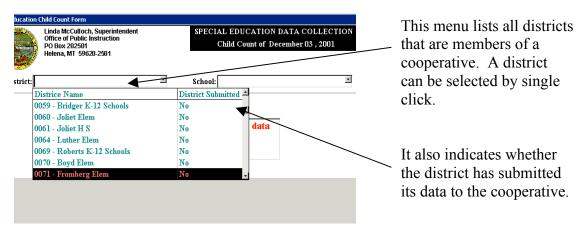
A school district may enter data for each individual school within the district. Data can be edited at any time until the data is submitted to either the special education cooperative if the district belongs to a cooperative, or to the OPI if the district does not belong to a cooperative. If data must be edited after submittal, it must be done by a phone call to either the cooperative or the OPI. If a cooperative has submitted data to OPI, the cooperative and any of its member districts will need to contact the OPI to make any additional changes to the data.

It is the responsibility of the person who has been assigned the User ID and password to submit the data. Data for the entire school district (all schools within the district) is submitted together during the submittal process. Be sure that, if more than one person is entering data, the data is not submitted prior to entering all data for the school district.

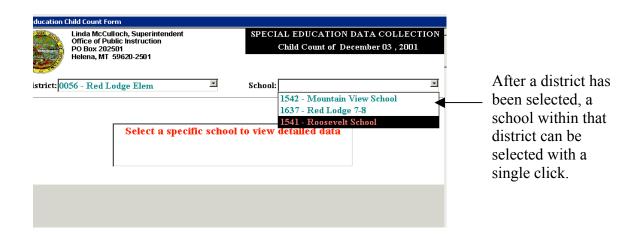
#### For a special education cooperative – selecting a member district



#### Selecting a member school district and school from the list of cooperative members

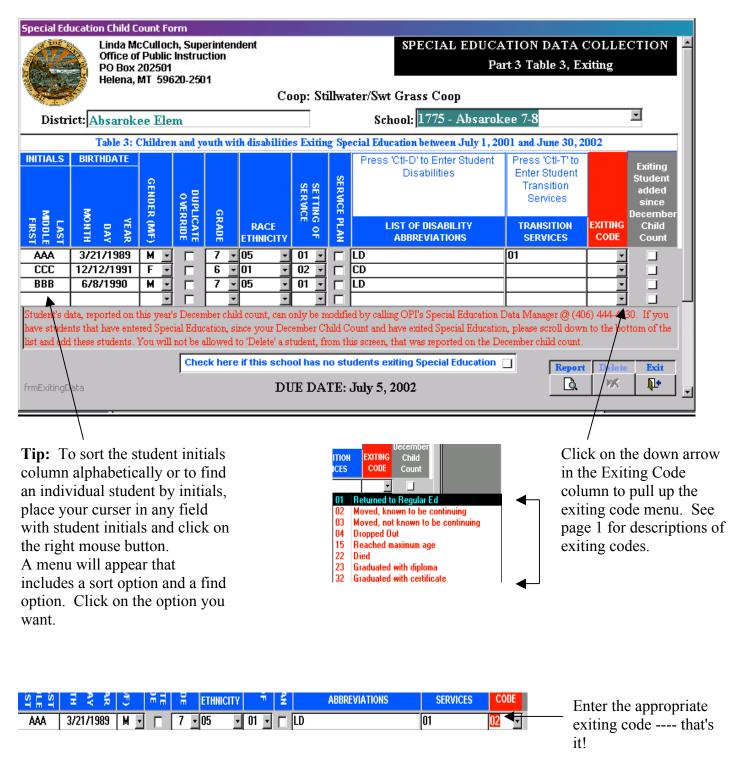


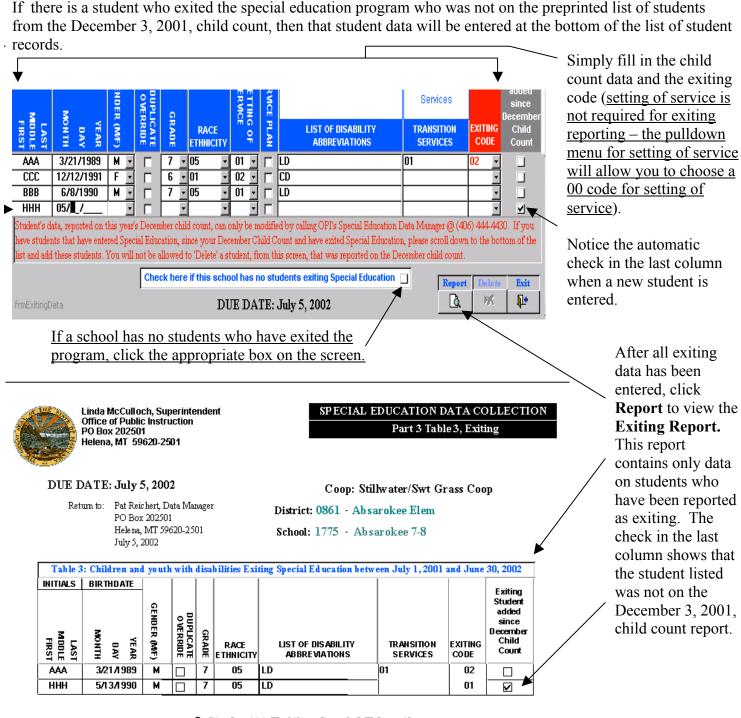
If a district has not submitted its data to the cooperative, the cooperative can view the data for each individual school, but cannot edit the data. If a district has submitted its data to the cooperative, the district can no longer edit the data; however, the cooperative now has rights to edit the data prior to submittal to the OPI. If the district does not have electronic access, and the cooperative will be doing the data entry for these districts, the cooperative will need to contact OPI to "flag" these specific districts as 'submitted to cooperative.' At this point the cooperative will be able to enter students for these districts that do not have electronic access to this system.



#### **Data entry screen**

This screen will show preprinted student information from the December 3, 2001, child count report. Start out by finding the initials of the first student record you will be working with (see **Tip** below for instructions on sorting and finding options in the initials field).



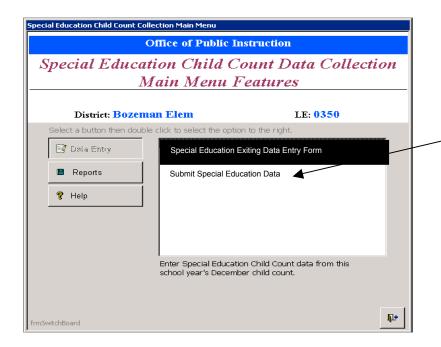


2 Student(s) Exiting Special Education

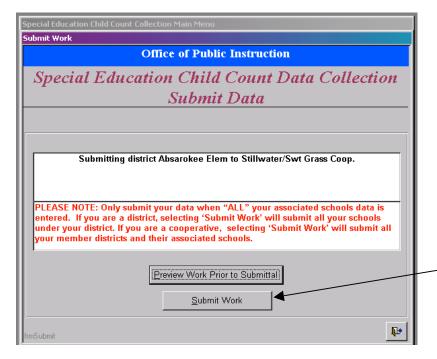
You can print this report by clicking on the **print icon** in the upper left hand corner of the screen. To close this screen and return to the data entry screen, click the X in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

Close the data entry screen by clicking the **Exit** button in the lower right corner of the screen. This will return you to the main menu.

#### SUBMIT COMPLETED DATA



At the Main Menu, click on the Submit Special Education Data.



You can preview your work one last time before submitting by clicking on the **Preview Work Prior to Submittal**. When you are ready to submit your completed report to your cooperative, if you are a member of a cooperative, or to the OPI if you are not a member of a cooperative, or are a cooperative, click the **Submit Work** button.

Remember, once your report is submitted, you no longer have rights to change the data.

#### WHO TO CONTACT FOR HELP

- For questions about the data, contact Pat Reichert at 406-444-4430 or e-mail at preichert@state.mt.us.
- For questions about the on line program, contact Garry Wheelock at 406-444-4409 or e-mail at gwheelock@state.mt.us.